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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE SOUTHEAST ASIA PEACE ZONE PROPOSAL

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 6788

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OTHER SUBJECTS WITH FONMIN ROMULO
JULY 17, I DRAW ON REFTTEL, WITHOUT IDENTIFYING SOURCES,
TO ELICIT ROMULO'S VIEWS ON RECENT SRV AND SOVIET ACTIONS
VIS A VIS ASEAN.

2. TENOR OF ROMULO'S COMMENTS INDICATED HE IN FULL
ACCORD WITH AMBASSADOR MILLER'S ANALYSIS. DID OBSERVE
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THAT PROBABLE REASON VIETNAMESE AND SOVIETS ARE CONTACT-
ING MALAYSIANS AT THIS TIME IS BECAUSE ASEAN'S STANDING
COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY SITED IN KUALA LUMPUR. NEXT
MEETING SITE FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE IS JAKARTA.

3. ROMULO IS CONVINCED VIETNAMESE AND SOVIET MOVES HAVE
BEEN DESIGNED TO SLOW DOWN ASEAN MOVES TOWARDS UNITY. HE

THOUGHT THEIR TIMING WAS ALSO INFLUENCED BY DESIRE OBSTRUCT
JAPAN-PRC TREATY SIGNING.

4. ROMULO DESCRIBED SELF AS CONVINCED SRV'S ZOPIAN
PROPOSAL WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED AGAINST GOP BECAUSE OF
PRESENCE OF US BASES. IN ANSWER MY QUERY HE SAID THAT
NONE OF GOP'S ASEAN PARTNERS HAS RECENTLY SPOKEN TO HIM
OR MAROC EITHER FOR OR AGAINST BASES. MURPHY

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